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In re the Application of:

Yuichi ARITA, et al.

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Examiner: K. Thangavelu

For: SIMULATION APPARATUS, SIMULATION METHOD AND COMPUTER-READABLE RECORDING MEDIUM HAVING SIMULATION PROGRAM RECORDED THEREON AS WELL AS DESIGNING SUPPORTING APPARATUS

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SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Supplemental Amendment supplements an Amendment filed February 24, 2003, said Amendment having since been entered for examination by way of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed April 24, 2003.

Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested. The following remarks are respectfully submitted.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please AMEND the claims in accordance with the following:

~~7. (TWICE AMENDED) A simulation apparatus as claimed in claim 2, further comprising a workability evaluation section for evaluating workability based on a result of execution of the working simulation by said working simulation execution section and also based on information of the attribute of the working means model, where the workability indicates whether or an extent to which the working means model is able to work the one or more standard part models.~~

~~11. (TWICE AMENDED) A simulation apparatus as claimed in claim 7, wherein said~~

~~working means model information storage section stores information of a plurality of reference~~